

ESTABLISHING CORRECT AGE OF CHILD

Before a child is issued an employment certificate it is necessary that the correct birth-date of the child be established. This is the most important means of keeping children from entering employment before they have attained the legal age.

In establishing a child's correct birth-date the following types of evidences of age are acceptable in North Carolina: birth certificate, baptismal record, insurance policy, bible record, physicians' certificate, school record and parent's affidavit. The birth certificate is recognized as the best and most reliable evidence. This type is preferred, although the following study (Table 4) of 2036 employment certificates issued to children during 1933 reveals that the predominating type of evidence accepted was the bible record.

While only a few certificates were issued in 1933 on evidence of the birth certificate, the certificating officers throughout the State have been requested to use this type of evidence in the future to establish a child's age. Arrangements have been made with the Bureau of Vital Statistics to furnish these officers with the correct birth-dates of all children applying for work-certificates.

The evidence of age accepted is of vital importance in child labor law enforcement, for unless the correct age is established children under the legal age will undoubtedly be permitted to go to work.

TABLE 4
EVIDENCE OF AGE ACCEPTED
REGULAR CERTIFICATES
YEAR 1933

TYPE OF EVIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	2036	100
BIRTH CERTIFICATE	44	2.2
BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE	5	.2
BIBLE RECORD AND INSURANCE POLICY	1040	51
PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE	18	1
SCHOOL RECORD	535	26.2
PARENT'S AFFIDAVIT	394	19.4
EVIDENCE NOT REPORTED	-	-

Table #4 presented above shows a study of the types of evidences of age accepted for the issuance of 2036 regular employment certificates for 14 and 15 year old children during 1933.